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Charles Seaford

TOWN COUNCIL
Don Bringle
Arthur Heggins
Brandon Linn
Rodney Phillips
Steve Stroud

TOWN OF CHINA GROVE

A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council

Tuesday, January 7, 2020
7:00 p.m.

China Grove Town Hall
China Grove, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Seaford called the regular meeting of January 7, 2020 to order. He led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Seaford called roll. All council members were present. There was a quorum.

The meeting started at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Mr. Bringle made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda items:

- a) Approve Minutes from the December 3rd, 2019 regular meeting

Mr. Linn made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Heggins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Seaford recognized Representative Larry Pittman with the 83rd district. Mr. Pittman stated in December the districts will change and China Grove will no longer be in his district.

Mayor Seaford recognized Rod Crider with the Rowan County EDC.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

- I) Adopt Resolution for 2020 Census

Mr. Stroud made a motion to adopt the Resolution for the 2020 Census. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Seaford stated the Census plays a very important role in the town and local government. He asked everyone to take part in the 2020 Census to be counted.

- II) Appoint/Reappoint members to the Planning Board and Parks and Recreation Board

Mr. Linn made a motion to reappoint Jason Hinson to the Planning Board. Mr. Bringle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Linn made a motion to reappoint Jason Higgins to the Planning Board. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Linn made a motion to reappoint Brie Bivens to the Planning Board. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stroud made a motion to reappoint Emily Mabrito to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Heggins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stroud made a motion to reappoint Jason Harrington to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Linn made a motion to reappoint Kevin Keiger to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to appoint Joshua Mullis to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

III) Adopt Resolution changing Regular Meeting Schedule

Mayor Seaford stated there has been discussion on changing the time of the regular scheduled meetings from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Mr. Bringle stated this change would be great for staff. He stated they work until 5:30 and then have an hour and a half before the meeting at 7:00. He stated with a 6:00 time they will be able to get home earlier.

Mr. Bringle made the motion to change the Regular Meeting Schedule time from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Mr. Linn thanked staff for working through the switch over with the trash company. He stated he has not received any complaints so far. Mr. Deal stated if you receive any concerns please be patience. He stated we have been able to contact Waste Industries and let them know of some residents that still have the old trash cans and need the new one.

Mayor Seaford thanked the town staff for all their hard work at Christmas in the Grove. He stated he read an article in the Salisbury Post that reflects why the town does this event. He stated this event makes good memories for the attendees. He stated the sledding in the grove has been postponed due to weather and hopes to have the event soon.

Mayor Seaford stated he recently meet with Jaben Starnes. He stated he works as a Commercial Real Estate Agent and is interested in properties in the area. He stated he got him in contact with Scott Shelton.

Mayor Seaford stated Mr. Stroud, Mr. Phillips and himself met with a developer today and discussed the possibility of a residential neighborhood on a parcel off of Shue Road.

Mayor Seaford stated he has a meeting scheduled this Thursday with Kyle Whisenant with Horizon Unlimited. He stated he wants to put a 4th grade field trip together to learn the way government works. He stated it would include China Grove, Bostian and Knollwood Elementary Schools.

Mayor Seaford stated on January 17th, Mr. Phillips and himself have a meeting with Rowan County EDC to discuss Exit 68.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

I) Police Department

Chief Deal stated they are still in the process of doing speed studies. He stated the afternoon to the evening the average speed is 29 MPH.

Mr. Bringle asked with the closing of North end and the three-way stops is Lane Construction still say 45 days for the first phase. Mr. Deal stated they are. Chief Deal stated they are having issues with the left turn at the intersection.

Mr. Bringle asked how do you access the Funeral Home. Chief Deal stated funerals can still come out as before.

Chief Deal stated Phil Watkins was hired to replace the Sergeant that resigned.

II) Fire Department

Chief Zimmerman stated Lane Construction has been great to work with. He stated they ride the bridges daily to see how the access is during this construction.

III) Administration Department

Mr. Deal stated the financial statement is in front of you. He stated Mr. Musselwhite will be at the February meeting to present the audit to the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Stroud made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela L. Mills, CMC
Town Clerk

Charles Seaford
Mayor